

extension is the most prudent course of action in order to ensure that reauthorization of the Act is signed into law within the next few days.

As I have argued repeatedly during the past two weeks, the Act contains Presidential powers that may well be needed to be called upon in the aftermath of the terrorist attack. In fact, we already have indications that the DPA will be invoked in the coming weeks. One news report from this morning states, "[The DPA] is one of an array of statutes likely to be used frequently in the coming weeks as DOD seeks to expedite procurements—especially in the information technology and telecommunications sectors."

With today's action in this body, I am confident that we will have an extension of the DPA signed into law prior to its expiration on September 30, and I want to thank my colleagues again for demonstrating the wisdom and flexibility that has been necessary to make that happen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I once again ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2510, the legislation just passed, and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE COORDINATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2199) to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2199

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act of 2001".

SEC. 2. PERMITTING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Section 11712(d) of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (D.C. Code, sec. 4-192(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(33) Any other law enforcement agency of the Federal government that the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia deem appropriate to enter into an agreement pursuant to this section."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2199.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Our colleague the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) introduced this bill, H.R. 2199, on June 14 of this year. It was referred to the House Committee on Government Reform and was then referred to the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia on June 19. The subcommittee considered and marked up the legislation on June 26, forwarded it to the full committee by unanimous consent, and the committee considered and marked up H.R. 2199 on July 25 and ordered it to be reported.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2199 amends the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into an agreement with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in order to assist the Metropolitan Police Department with local law enforcement in the District.

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The original 1997 legislation provided great assistance to the District of Columbia by enabling Federal law enforcement agencies to enforce local laws on or near their jurisdictional boundaries.

The 1997 legislation specified certain law enforcement agencies, inadvertently leaving out some agencies. H.R. 2199 cures this restriction by allowing

other law enforcement agencies to enter into cooperative agreements with the Metropolitan Police Department if the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia deem it appropriate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, for her leadership in expanding the provisions of the existing law to improve public safety and reduce crime in the Nation's capital.

I would also like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), for his interest in District of Columbia issues and for his guidance in bringing this bill to the floor, and of course to the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act of 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bill to amend P.L. 105-33, legislation that has done much to cure our coordinated efforts of Federal and local law enforcement officials in the Nation's capital. I want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia (Mrs. MORELLA) for her leadership and her work in bringing this bill to the floor today and moving so quickly to facilitate this important bill.

H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Act of 2001, amends the Police Coordination Act I introduced in 1997, signed that year, by allowing those agencies not named in the original legislation to assist the Metropolitan Police Department with local law enforcement in the district. Inadvertently, P.L. 105-33 failed to make the language sufficiently open-ended to include agencies not mentioned in the original bill.

Prior to the Police Coordination Act, Federal agencies often were confined to agency premises and were not able to enforce local laws on or near their premises. Instead, for example, Federal officers sometimes called 911, taking hard-pressed D.C. police officers from urgent work in neighborhoods experiencing serious crime. Federal officers were trained and willing to do the job, but lacked the authority to do so before the passage of the Police Coordination Act. When our country has been attacked, this flexibility provided to Federal police officers to pursue suspects beyond their desks is both timely and necessary.

Five agencies have already signed agreements with the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia enabling them